Value Labels Resource Document

Attaching Value Labels to SAS Data Files With Assigned Formats

The SAS data files (with assigned formats) on the restricted-use data files CD have assigned value-label formats. These are provided in the SAS program files ending in _FMT.SAS. These format statements must be run first in order to create a format catalog to use with the formatted SAS datasets (data files ending in _FMT.SAS7BDAT).

The following statement should be used to run the format statements before reading in the formatted SAS data file:

   %INCLUDE 'Path*formatfilename_FMT.SAS***';**

   data *workfile1*; **set** *sassdatafile*; **run;**

Continuing the example above, if the _FMT.SAS file for DISTRICT07_FMT.SAS7BDAT has been placed in the C:\ directory, users would include the following statement:

   %INCLUDE 'C:*DISTRICT07_FMT.SAS***';** **data** *districtworkfile*; **set** *libname.DISTRICT07.SAS7BDAT* **run;**

Note that the **words in italics are meant to be replaced** by file or variable names that are relevant to your specific analyses.

Because formats are already assigned to the SAS datasets with assigned formats, it is not necessary to call up the labels. **It is necessary to run the format statements before using the datasets with assigned formats**.